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# Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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**Election, in accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, of 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018**

## Election of 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

### Note by the Secretary-General*

**Addendum**

1. In accordance with articles 7 and 9 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the seventh meeting of the States parties to the Optional Protocol will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 25 October 2018, for the purpose of electing 13 members of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2018.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 6 (3) of the Optional Protocol, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 14 May 2018, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 13 members of the Subcommittee by 14 August 2018. The curricula vitae of the 17 candidates received by that deadline are included in document CAT/OP/SP/16.

3. Annexed to the present note are the curricula vitae, as received by the Secretariat, of candidates whose nominations were received after 14 August 2018. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the names of those candidates and the States parties that nominated them.

| *Candidate* | *Nominated by* |
|---|---|
| Mr. Talip **Bakır** | Turkey |
| Mr. Hamet Saloum **Diakhaté** | Senegal |

* The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.

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# Annex

## Curricula vitae of candidates*

**Talip Bakır (Turkey)**

**Date and place of birth**

03.03.1973 Yozgat/Turkey

**Working languages**

Turkish (Native), English

**Current position/function**

Member (senior judge) of the Court of Cassation

**Main professional activities**

As a judge in the highest court, I review and decide whether decisions rendered by the first instance or appeal courts are lawful in criminal matters. If not, I have a power to overturn the relevant decisions.

On the field of prevention of violation of torture/ill-treatment and legislative process, I have given lectures to the judges and prosecutors at the Justice Academy.

**Educational background**

1992–1996 Faculty of Law, University of Istanbul Turkey — BA

2008–2009 Faculty of Law University of Selcuk, Konya Turkey — MA (Public Law)

2012–2013 English Language Student at Fairleigh Dickinson University

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned**

During my term of office as a public prosecutor between 1999 and 2007, I have supervised the prisons and police custody facilities to prevent torture and ill-treatment. In addition, one of my main duties was to investigate and to prosecute allegations of torture and ill-treatment.

Between 2007 and 2017, I have worked in the Directorate General of Legislation in the MoJ as a reporter judge, head of department and deputy DG, respectively, then deputy undersecretary. I have taken part in law making process in the field of criminal law in the legislative department. I have worked especially in expanding fundamental rights and freedoms and preventing torture, and aimed at ensuring that the prisoners' rights are used in the widest possible way. With my colleagues, I have prepared the draft law that lifted statutory limitation for the crime of torture. This draft was adopted and enacted by the Parliament and became a law. I also took part in responding to the parliamentary questions submitted by deputies about violations of rights in prisons to the Minister of Justice, and during this process I had the opportunity to make extensive research in this field.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

**Hamet Saloum Diakhaté (Senegal)**

[Original: French]

**Date and place of birth**

12 March 1958, in Dakar, Senegal

**Working languages**

French

**Professional background**

Psychiatrist and psychotherapist

**Educational background**

Trained in the monitoring of detention centres and psychiatric care facilities

Trained in the provision of psychological care, counselling and support to victims of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment

Trained in the conduct of group-based psychometric, behavioural and cognitive relaxation therapies, including psychiatric and psychological assessment and evaluation

**Current position/function**

Head of department at the Thiaroye National Psychiatric Hospital from 2000 to March 2018; currently working on a temporary contract at this hospital

Consultant at the rehabilitation unit for victims of torture at the African Centre for the Prevention and Resolution of Conflicts (CAPREC)

Observer at the National Observatory of Places of Deprivation of Liberty

**Main professional activities**

*Rehabilitation of torture victims spanning 23 different nationalities since 2005, ref. UNVFVT-P374-DA*: Providing psychotherapeutic support, including psychological assistance and relaxation therapy (300 new cases, the majority of which involved women who were raped during armed conflicts and political unrest in Africa)

*Observer at the National Observatory of Places of Deprivation of Liberty since 2013*: Actively participating in all visits to the 37 detention and correctional facilities in Senegal and all gendarmerie and police stations throughout the country's 14 regions

*Mental health care*: Providing hospital care to persons living with mental disorders

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture**

Visiting prisons to examine detainees with mental illnesses and producing psychological assessments for the attention of the judicial authorities

Devising a strategy to increase access to traditional psychiatric facilities

Conducting training seminars for law enforcement officials on eliminating torture and other inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment at all stages of criminal proceedings

Maintaining close contact with the chief physicians and nurses employed in the detention and correctional facilities of Senegal to ensure that coordinated care is provided quickly to all detainees with mental health problems

**List of most recent publications in the field relevant to the mandate of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture**

Report on the proposed renovation of a mental health facility 400 kilometres from Dakar

Report on the detention and correctional facility for detainees with health problems at Aristide le Dantec Hospital